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THE NEW AVENGERS

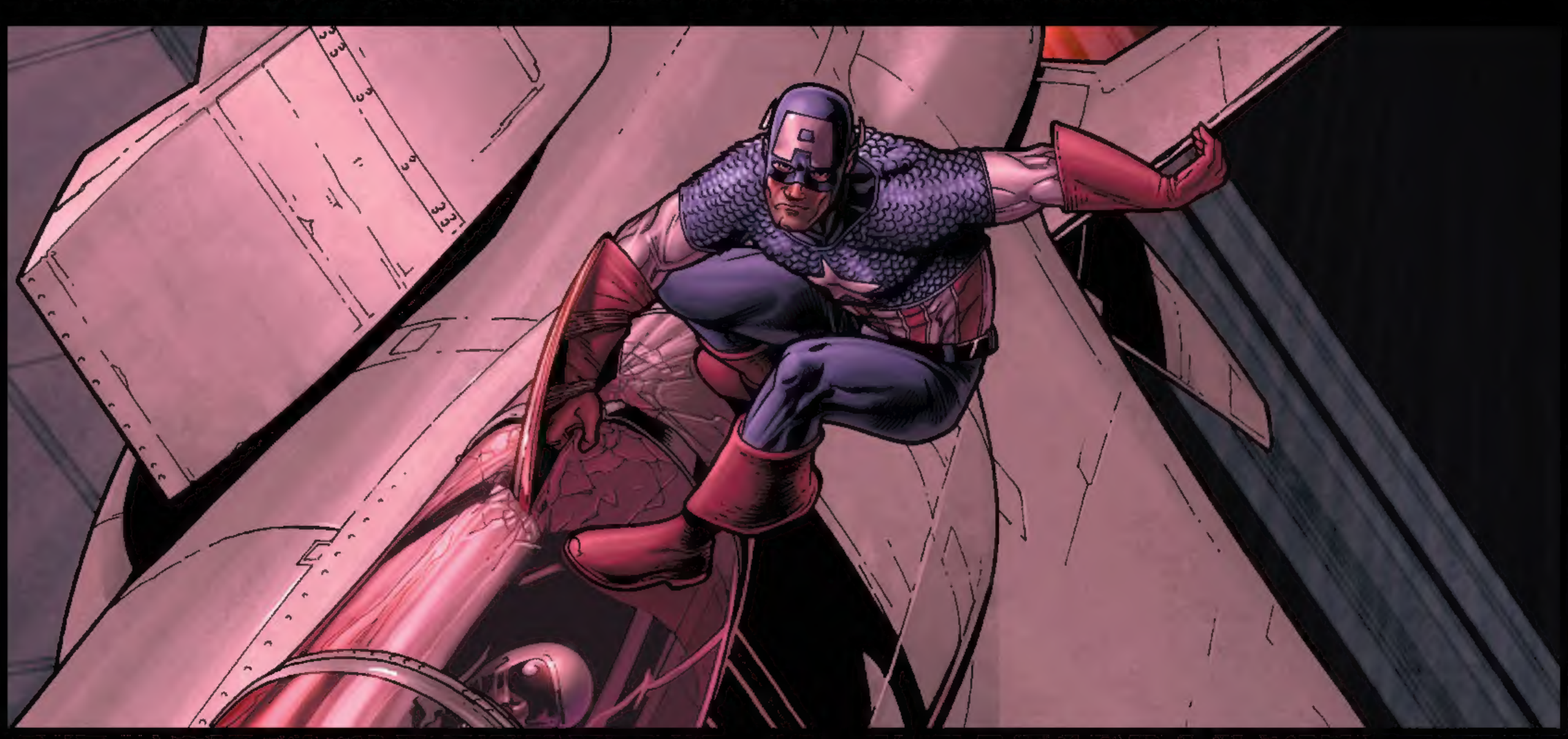
NEW AVENGERS: DISASSEMBLED
PART ONE

PREVIOUSLY IN CIVIL WAR...

Hoping to boost their ratings, four New Warriors, young super heroes and reality television stars, attempted to apprehend a quartet of villains holed up in Stamford, Connecticut. When confronted, the explosive Nitro employed his self-detonation ability, blowing the New Warriors and a large chunk of Stamford into oblivion. The entire incident was caught on tape. Casualties number in the hundreds.

As a reaction to this tragedy, public outcry calls for reform in the way super heroes conduct their affairs. On Capitol Hill, a Superhuman Registration Act is debated which would require all those possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government, divulging their true identities to the authorities and submitting to training and sanctioning in the manner of federal agents.

Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of super heroes in society, and a reasonable request. Others, embodied by Captain America, take umbrage at this assault on their civil liberties.



When Captain America is called upon to hunt down his fellow heroes who are in defiance of the Registration Act, he chooses to go AWOL, becoming a public enemy in the process.

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JUST TRY AND *FOCUS.*

THINK OF SOMETHING *ELSE.*

ANYTHING ELSE.

THIS ALWAYS WORKS. THIS *ALWAYS* WORKS.

JUST DRAW.

FOCUS YOUR MIND ON THE WHITE PAPER AND DRAW SOMETHING.

EXPRESS YOURSELF.

YOU USED TO DO THIS SO WELL YOU COULD PAY THE BILLS WITH IT.

JUST STOP THINKING ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE.

STOP THINKING ABOUT THE HELL YOUR LIFE HAS BECOME AND THAT YOU CAN'T GO HOME...

...OR TO THE AVENGERS...

STOP THINKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS AND NO ONE YOU CAN TRUST.

AND THAT EVERY LAW OFFICER IN THE COUNTRY IS OUT TO TAKE YOU DOWN.

STOP THINKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE WORLD HAS TURNED AGAINST YOU AND THE *IRONY* IS YOU SHOULDN'T EVEN *BE* HERE.

YOU *SHOULD* HAVE DIED SIXTY YEARS AGO.

THEY SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU IN THAT BLOCK OF ICE.

THEY SHOULD HAVE LEFT YOU AS A MEMORY-- AS A SYMBOL OF PEACE AND FREEDOM.

INSTEAD OF WHAT THEY'RE TURNING YOU INTO: A WAR CRIMINAL.

A REFUGEE.

I SHOULD WRITE A BOOK.

EXPLAIN MYSELF TO THE WORLD IN MY OWN WORDS.

NO, I *SHOULD* DRAW.

LIKE I USED TO.

DRAWING MADE ME *HAPPY.* WHY DID I STOP?

OH YES, BECAUSE PEOPLE *NEED* CAPTAIN AMERICA.

NO, *YOU* NEED CAPTAIN AMERICA.

STEVE ROGERS NEEDS CAPTAIN AMERICA.

THEY DON'T NEED ANYTHING.

THAT'S THE POINT OF ALL THIS.

THEY WANT SUPER HEROES TO BE CONTROLLED BY THE *GOVERNMENT.*

THEY WANT US TO BE *PUPPETS* TO A CORPORATE SHILL STRUCTURE, LIKE THEIR POLITICIANS AND *EVERYTHING ELSE* ON THE PLANET.

THEY DON'T SEE THAT *WE'RE* ALL THAT'S LEFT KEEPING THEM TRULY PROTECTED AND FREE.

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM A SOCIETY THAT GETS ALL ITS NEWS FROM LATE-NIGHT COMEDY SHOWS?

OF *COURSE* THEY DON'T CARE!

EVERYTHING IS A PUNCHLINE.

EVERYTHING IS JUST--NO.

THAT'S NOT TRUE. THEY CARE.

THEY JUST CARE ABOUT THEMSELVES MORE THAN THEY CARE ABOUT THE WORLD THEY LIVE IN.

THEY WANT TO BE COMFORTABLE, NOT SAFE.

THEY DON'T WANT TO FIGHT FOR THEIR FREEDOM.

THEY WANT SOMEONE LIKE ME TO FIGHT FOR IT *FOR THEM,* AND NOW THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY--*STOP IT!*

YOU NEED SLEEP. YOU NEED TO FOCUS.

IF YOU *COULD* FOCUS, YOU WOULD HAVE HEARD THEM COMING BEFORE IT WAS TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT...

BUT DON'T KICK YOURSELF...

...THESE CAPEKILLERS WERE TRAINED TO SNEAK UP ON YOU.

KZZSSHHAA
KZZSSHHAA
KZZSSHHAA
HIGHLY TRAINED S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENTS DRESSED IN THIS NEW CAPEKILLING TECH THAT TONY STARK MADE FOR THEM.
TONY STARK. MY *PAL.* MY PARTNER.
SETTING *THEM* UP TO KNOCK *ME* DOWN BECAUSE I BELIEVE FREEDOM ISN'T A COMMODITY TO COMPROMISE.
BUT THESE AREN'T NAZIS OR HYDRA. DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON THEM.
BOYS! I'M TELLING YOU NOW!
GO BACK TO YOUR MASTERS AND TELL THEM YOU FAILED.
AND AT LEAST YOU'LL WALK AWAY.
YOU TRIED.
AT LEAST YOU DID THAT.
POOR KIDS.
JUST DOING WHAT THEY'RE TOLD.
GOOD SOLDIERS.
SMASH

AAGGHH!

ARGH!

NNYYAARRGGH!!

SMASK

AAGGHH!

CRASH

SHOULDER'S ON FIRE.

WORK PAST IT.

KZZSSHHAA KZZSSHHAA

AIIE!

JUST FINISH THIS.

HAAII!
THACK
PACK
CRACK
GAARRGH!
CRACK
NARGH!
THACK
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FIGHT--
AGH!
DON'T!
SMACK

CRACK

GRRAAGH!

SPASH

SPASCH

AGH!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR!

CRASH

DO IT, CAP.

BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, I GOTTA TAKE YOU IN.

DUGAN?

DUM DUM DUGAN?

THEY SENT A FRIEND. THREE THOUSAND AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. ON ACTIVE DUTY, AND THEY SENT A FRIEND.

DIRTY POOL.

I'LL REMEMBER THAT.

THIS IS S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT DUGAN.

CAPTAIN AMERICA IS DEAD. WE'RE SWEEPING THE AREA. OVER.

OH MY GOD. YOU GOT HIM?

STAY THERE. WAIT FOR MY WORD.

SHOULD TAKE THEM TEN MINUTES TO FIGURE IT OUT.

FIVE MORE TO FIGURE OUT WHICH WAY I WENT.

HOPEFULLY, TEN MORE MINUTES DECIDING IF THIS ENTIRE TRICK IS BENEATH ME.

THEY SHOULD HAVE LEFT ME IN THE ICE.

I'D BE A HERO.

CAP?

MURF?

CAP??

OH MY GOD. WHERE AM I?

YOU PASSED OUT, MAN.

I DON'T-- I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER COMING HERE.

IMAGINE *MY* SURPRISE.

SAM WILSON, THE FALCON. MY SOMETIME PARTNER.

HOW DO YOU-- WAIT, HOW DO YOU *KNOW* ABOUT THIS PLACE, SAM?

WHO *CONVENIENTLY* SHOWS UP HERE.

YOU... *TOOK* ME HERE ONCE.

TAKE OFF YOUR MASK.

WHAT?

TAKE IT OFF!

WHAT'S GOING ON, STEVE?

WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THAT GIRL THAT TIME?

FRANCINE.

OKAY, SORRY.

THE HELL IS GOING ON?

HOW LONG WAS I OUT?

I DON'T KNOW. I JUST GOT HERE AND HERE YOU WERE.

DID YOU SIGN IT, SAM? PLEASE TELL ME YOU--

THE REGISTRATION THING? ARE YOU INSANE? WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

SORRY. JUST MAKING SURE. I'VE HAD SOME SURPRISES.

TONY STARK.

YEAH.

IRON MAN'S A SELLOUT, MAN. ALWAYS WAS.

DON'T.

YOU CHOSE TO SEE THAT $%#@ THROUGH ROSE-COLORED GLASSES. BUT THAT'S WHAT HE ALWAYS WAS.

ANYONE ARRESTED? ANYTHING GOING ON OUT THERE YET?

THEY CAME TO *MY* HOUSE.

LOOKING FOR *YOU.*

SORRY ABOUT THAT.

HEY, AIN'T YOUR THING.

HOW LONG Y'THINK WE'RE SAFE HERE IN THE SWEET-SMELLING SEWERS OF MANHATTAN?

IT'S NICK FURY'S PLACE FROM YEARS BACK. HE KEPT IT IN CASE THE WORST EVER HAPPENED.

LIKE TODAY.

I GUESS I CAME HERE LOOKING FOR HIM, BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE'S BEEN HERE IN YEARS.

DOES THIS STUFF WORK?

I GUESS.

HELL, NO.

YOU WITH ME ON THIS?

I TOLD YOU YEARS AGO, YOU NEVER HAVE TO ASK THAT.

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?

WHAT'S THAT?

MONEY, PASSPORTS. FAKE IDS.

YOU WANT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY?

FIGHT BACK.

THERE YOU GO.

I'M DOWN, BROTHA'. I AIN'T BUYING WHAT THEY'RE SELLIN' AND I AIN'T MOVIN'.

WE STAY AND FIGHT.

THIS IS GOING TO GET BLOODY.

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT TODAY. I'M WORRIED ABOUT TOMORROW.

WHAT'S TOMORROW?

WHEN IT'S OVER. WE WIN. THEY WIN. WHO KNOWS?

IT'S NOT *THIS* THAT'S GOT ME SCARED, IT'S WHAT COMES *AFTER.*

IT'S AFTER WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING EACH OTHER, RUNNING FROM EACH OTHER, HIDING FROM EACH OTHER.

IT'S ALL THAT, WHILE DOCTOR DOOM, MOLECULE MAN, ALL THOSE LUNATICS THAT ESCAPED OFF THE RAFT...

(WHO-EVER THE HELL...)

...SOMEONE LIKE *THAT* DOES SOMETHING *TRULY* HEINOUS BECAUSE NONE OF US ARE IN A POSITION TO *STOP* IT.

YA DIG? YOU KNOW?

THAT'LL HAVE TO BE TOMORROW'S PROBLEM.

YEAH.

LET'S GO.

WHERE?

TO PUT THE TEAM TOGETHER.

LIKE WHO?

"THERE!"

"I DON'T--"

"TO THE LEFT."

"I SEE HIM."

SAM'S A GOOD FRIEND. I SHOULD HAVE COME TO HIM RIGHT AWAY.

WELL, THAT'S DISAPPOINTING.

WOW, I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT SPIDER-MAN HAD A LOT MORE TO LOSE THAN ANY OF US IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS WENT DOWN.

TONY STARK AND HE HAVE A BOND. TONY GOT HIM A JOB AND THE SUIT.

SELLOUT.

I'M EMBARRASSED THAT I DIDN'T.

MAYBE HE JUST NEEDS SOMEONE TO--

BLAM BLAM

LET'S GO!

DOWN *THERE?* BUT THEY'LL COME AFTER--

WE HAVE TO.

AMATEUR HOME VIDEO
CAPTAIN AMERICA AND PARTNER MAKE FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE

EMERGENCY CONGRESSIONAL SESSION TO DEBATE LEGALITY OF ROLE OF SUPER HEROES IN GOVERNMENT.

--STARTLING PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY SOMEONE WE DO BELIEVE IS CAPTAIN AMERICA--

--SEEMINGLY UNAFFECTED BY THE PUBLIC OUTCRY OVER THE SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT. THE PRESIDENT **HIMSELF** DECLARING CAPTAIN AMERICA A FUGITIVE FROM THE LAW...

...EYEWITNESSES SAY THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA SWOOPED IN, ENDED THE HOSTILE STANDOFF ON THE STEPS OF THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE, AND RAN OFF WITHOUT SPEAKING A WORD--

--IGNORING THE CALLS FROM POLICE OFFICERS FOR HIM AND HIS PARTNER TO SURRENDER.

AMAZING.

DOCTOR PYM?

I NEED YOUR HELP, HENRY.

FOR WHAT, PRAY TELL?

HI, SAM.

WE HAVE TO FIGHT THIS. OUR RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF ANY--

COME ON HANK, GRAB YOUR STUFF AND A BUNCH OF ANTS AND LET'S GO. WE GOTTA MOVE.

I'M BACK TO WORKING ON MY GIANT-MAN FORMULAS, ACTUALLY.

I MADE SOME BREAKTHROUGHS WITH THE GENOME SPIRAL--

HENRY?

DID YOU *SIGN* THE REGISTRATION ACT?

WELL, CAP...

...I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I'VE KEPT MY IDENTITY A SECRET.

I'M WITH TONY ON THIS. ALL THE WAY.

SORRY TO HEAR IT.

YOU'D BEST STAY OUT OF THE WAY THEN, MAN.

SERIOUSLY, WHEN IT GOES DOWN, STAY IN YOUR LAB.

I DON'T GET IT. WHY ARE YOU BEING SO DIFFICULT ABOUT THIS, CAP?

WHY CAN'T YOU SEE THE BIGGER PICTURE HERE?

PEOPLE, FRIENDS OF OURS, OUR *BROTHERS,* ARE GOING TO GET HURT BECAUSE YOU WON'T PLAY BALL.

REED RICHARDS, TONY AND I ARE WORKING ON SOME THINGS THAT WILL--

PLAY BALL?!

WHO ARE WE PLAYING BALL WITH? WHO ARE WE PLAYING BALL FOR?

WHY CAN'T ANYONE ANSWER THAT ONE SIMPLE QUESTION??

CAP, *YOU'RE* THE ICON. *YOU'RE* THE ROLE MODEL.

YOU'RE THE LINCHPIN TO ALL OF THIS ESCALATING. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS--

YOU WERE A PREMIERE MEMBER OF THE GREATEST TEAM THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN.

COME ON.

WE WORKED FOR *NO ONE* BUT THOSE WHO NEEDED US.

CAP--

AND YOU'RE THROWING IT *ALL AWAY.*

WOW, I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME HERE.

HONESTLY, I DIDN'T THINK YOU THOUGHT THAT MUCH OF ME.

YOU WERE WRONG.

AGAIN.

FOOOM

CAP, PLEASE, THIS HAS TO STOP BEFORE YOU TAKE IT ANY FURTHER.

HANK, REMEMBER WHEN YOU ASKED ME THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WARTIME BATTLE AND THE KIND SUPER HEROES DO?

STAND DOWN OR *YOU'LL FIND OUT!*

DO YOU WANT THAT?

OF COURSE NOT, CAP...

I TOLD THEM I REFUSED TO FIGHT YOU.

I'D JUST HOLD YOU HERE...

"THEM?"

YOU SON OF A--!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D COME HERE.

THAT I CAN'T HELP.

SO?

REMEMBER THAT THING WITH THE SERPENT SQUAD?

YEAH, IT HURT.

WE'RE ENGAGING THE--

WHOA!

WE HAVE A SITUATION!

KZZSSHHAA KZZSSHHAA

COME ON, CAP!

KZZSSHHAA

KZZSSHHAA
KZZSSHHAA
KZZSSHHAA

KZZSSHHAA
KZZSSHHAA

KZZSSHHAA
KZZSSHHAA
KZZSSHHAA

THIS IS GAMMA 1. WE HAVE A SITUATION HERE.

THEY ARE EN ROUTE.

PERMISSION TO PURSUE IN THE CITY.

THIS IS S.H.I.E.L.D. COMMANDER HILL. PERMISSION GRANTED.

HE'S GONE.

SUPERHUMAN RESTRAINT UNIT GAMMA, FULL SWEEP. DON'T COME HOME *WITHOUT* CAPTAIN AMERICA.

HELICARRIER-- WE NEED A MEDICAL UNIT.

BRIDGE-- ANYTHING ON THE SATELLITE?

DON'T KICK YOURSELF, DOCTOR PYM. YOU DID GOOD.

SHUT UP.

WELL, *THAT* WENT WELL.

WHO'S NEXT?

NEXT ISSUE: LUKE CAGE

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